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where *He* is first

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Live internet streaming of Sunday morning worship service
Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.

With
Sympathy



Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Phyllis Baker in the loss of her brother, J. C. Hardison.
To Debra King in the loss of her mother, Mary Frances Ogles.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Megan Simpson

KIDS KORNER

When Kassidy, Kaelyn and I attended the State VBS Clinic in March, we learned about the suggested VBS mission project: "Tide You Over Packs" which include non-perishable items and a bottle of water. Included in the packs are notes of encouragement to the recipient. The idea behind this is to tide the recipient over until their next hot meal. Many of you will travel during Spring Break...and will more than likely see someone asking for food. You can be the hands and feet of Jesus by giving them a pack, with it being a teachable moment for your children. Kindness goes a long way in making a difference in a person's life.

Many thanks to Jimmy & Lois Prince and family for hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is one of those "traditions" that's worth keeping. Thanks, also, to Crystal Jones, Bro Mike, and the adults working with the Children's Choir. To our children in the Children's Choir: you are a special group of young people. What a joy it is to hear you sing! Continue to use the talents God has given you. Our Wednesday nights are full of music and missions, and it's never to late for a child to join us.

We will continue the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions through April. Please give cheerfully—the goal is \$5000.

We ask that you keep the Owsley County Mission Team in your prayers: dates April 4-6.

Keep this date: On May 2nd, the Logan-Todd Association WMU Council will host the annual Pastor/Staff/Spouse dinner at Southern Heights, beginning at 6:30 PM. The WMU Council will provide the main portion of the meal. We ask that others bring desserts. All church members are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

In Christ, Konnie





Pastor Michael's Heart...

We live in an age where celebrity is everything. Celebrity entertainers, celebrity athletes, and celebrity politicians rule the roost.

I have heard Dr. Charles Stanley say many times: "It's not about you." People often forget the second line—"It's all about God." Those two sentences go together. Our ministry for the Lord will never make sense until I understand those two statements. The goal of my ministry isn't to be the biggest church. It isn't to have the most people. It isn't even to help the most people. It's not about me. It isn't about my church. It's All about God. It's all about bringing him glory. That's the top conviction that I must build my ministry on for Him. The Bible says this in Romans 11:36, "For everything comes from God alone..." Everything lives by His power, and intended for God's glory that includes me and my church.

Pleasing God has to be my first priority. Matthew 22 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all of your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

That's harder than it seems on the surface for most people. Pleasing God above all else means not seeking the approval of others as your first priority. Most people want to please people. But if I serve in ministry for any other reason than to please God, I have wasted my life. I have missed the entire point of the ministry God has called me to do.

What can seep into our lives that may encourage us to put something else above God?

Materialism: Jesus said in Luke 18, "You cannot serve both God and Money." You can't make pleasing God your top priority if your focus is trying to acquire stuff. Materialism can make its way into our lives very subtly.

Avoid it, Run from it. Never, ever let it rule you.

Immorality: Making God the priority of your life and your ministry means not living like everyone else does. It means not trying to serve the "lusts of the flesh" rather than Jesus. On a regular basis you need to be asking God whether there's anything in your life that doesn't please God. You also need people in your life who'll tell you the truth when you start sliding toward immorality.

Peer Pressure: You can't love being popular more than you love God. If you chase after the applause of others, you will never have the kind of ministry God wants for you. Many people miss the greatest blessings from God because, "It's all about them," when it should be "all about God".

My friend, who has first place in your life and ministry? If it's not Jesus, who are you living for? Thanks for letting us be your pastor and friend.

Pastor Michael & Terri

Psalm 19:14

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.*

Choir Loft

I can't help but to be broken, in my composure, as I think about the tragedy that took place on Main Street just a week or so ago. It breaks my heart, as I know it does yours as well. As I drove my school bus around the crime scene that day on several different routes, I thought of the families who were being affected and what it must have been like for them to deal with the actions of the day on all sides of the equation. So, what is there to write about that hasn't already been said? Writers much more eloquent than I have expressed the shared grief we feel at the death of this man as well as students and teachers of other shooting tragedies across our country. But for me, what is left is simply what has been on my heart these past few days as I have talked with students and simultaneously prepared for Easter.

The tragedy on Main Street is a startling reminder that the children we serve in our ministries live in a world where nowhere feels truly safe. They have never lived in a country perfectly safe from attack. We have been at war for most of their lives. They have seen churches, schools, street corners, malls, and movie theaters violated by senseless murder.

The excitement of ding school fire drills, intruder drills, and bus evac drills are gone. Students are calm. Why? Because they have been doing them regularly throughout their school careers. Our students have never known a world without intense airport security nor have they been startled by an announcement before the movie about the location of emergency exits in case of a violent intruder. Perhaps it has always been unsafe and we are just more aware now. Yet, I mourn for the safe world I knew at their age. It is a place they will never get to know. I cry because darkness has reached into yet another place we hoped it would never go. Yet, as He always does, God uses darkness to shine a great light, the one light which can bring hope, love and safety to our students.

Our Savior's death and resurrection brings us forgiveness and eternal life. No matter what danger, violence, or evil we will see in this world, *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (John 1:15)

We share a love that is greater than what we ourselves can give our students. I want our youth at SBC to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we love them and would protect them with everything that we have. But so much more than that, I want our students across Logan County to know that God loves them with an unending love, a love so big that He was willing to die for them. It is because of God's love and our faith that we know that it will be okay no matter how unsafe our world becomes.

If the love of God is the last and only thing my students learn from me, then the Holy Spirit has truly used me well. May the love of God and the hope of the resurrection be what they hear above the din of violence and uncertainty in this world.

Serving together,
Mike Duncan



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THOUGHTS ON RAIN

When torrential downpours beat on the heads of my newly planted petunias, I felt bad for them. I wanted to bring them inside to shelter them from the storm. By the time the rain stopped, their little faces were bowed to the ground from the weight of the water. They looked sad and weak. Within a few hours, however, they perked up and turned their heads skyward.

By the next day, they were standing straight and strong.

What transformation! After pounding them on the head, the rain dripped from their leaves, soaked into the soil, and came up through their stalks, giving them the strength to stand straight.

Because I prefer sunshine, I get annoyed when rain spoils my outdoor plans. I sometimes wrongly think of rain as something negative. But anyone who has experienced drought knows that rain is a blessing. It nourishes the earth for the benefit of both the just and the unjust (Matt. 5:45).

Even when the storms of life hit so hard that we nearly break from the force, the “rain” is not an enemy. Our loving God has allowed it to make us stronger. He uses the water that batters us on the outside to build us up on the inside, so we may stand straight and strong.

Lord, we know that we don't need to fear the storms of life. Because You are good, we can trust You to use even our hard times to build our faith in You. We lean on You now.

—Our Daily Bread



- 03 Sue Wood
- 04 Cheyenne Bilyeu
- 05 Barbara Dorris
- 06 Bill Browning, Kenneth Page,
Sarah Cheaney, Malene Ball
- 07 Dorothy Sawyer, Addie Young
- 08 Victor Dodson
- 09 Irene Elamon
- 10 Sherrie Taylor, James Cauley
- 11 Jerrett Dancer
- 15 Dorothy Rosser, Bobby Utley
- 16 Charlotte Cauley
- 18 Henry Seube, Drew Chambers
- 19 Michael Hooper
- 20 Zachary Yell
- 21 Ben Harris
- 24 Joda Boley
- 26 Lyndell Graham, Robin Seube,
Jaci Gilliam
- 28 Shea Meyers, Andrew Cantrell
- 29 Angela Hardison
- 30 Mary Brown, Debbie Whitman,
Connie Blick, Ava Taylor,
Kayelynn Davenport



- 04 BWOM Meeting, at the church, 6pm
- 10 Bldg. & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 12 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 13 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Golden Heirs to Sulpher Wells, 10am
- 21 WMU Meeting, 6pm
- 27 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

Baptist Hour – Each Monday following 12:20pm news on WRUS-AM

GO Visitation & Meal -Each Wed. night at 5:30pm, EXCEPT on Business Meeting night

Brotherhood – meets on Business Meeting night, 6-7pm

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



Happy Anniversary

- Roger & Laurie Belcher 01
- Jerry & Konnie Smith 02
- Barry & Amy Dill 04
- Mike & Barbara Dorris 05
- Bill & Teresa Browning 12
- James & Charlotte Cauley 14
- Barry & Beth Kennedy 17
- Ray & Angie Graham 22
- Victor & Debra King 24